



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2800**

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Attorney Docket No.: 500055.02 (660073.488D1)

Serial No. : 09/386,646

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GATE AND TRENCH EDGE SPACER ELIMINATION

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action: Final Rejection dated July 1, 2002.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 22, 24-26, 28, 30, 32 and 34, and add new claims 38-43 as follows:

22. (Five Times Amended) A microelectronic device, comprising  
a microelectronic substrate having an upper surface;

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Submission previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 23, 2002, and received by the USPTO on September 3, 2002.
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

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b. ☐ Submission enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

☒ Postcard

☒ Check

☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet

☐ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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